

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A monoclonal antibody which specifically reacts with a partial peptide at the N-terminal region of a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 4 or a salt thereof, ~~wherein the polypeptide comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 4;~~ and does not recognize the partial peptide at the C-terminal region of ~~the~~ polypeptide or a salt thereof, ~~wherein the polypeptide comprises the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 4;~~ specifically reacts with a peptide comprising (i) the 1st-6th amino acid sequences, (ii) the 2nd-7th amino acid sequences, (iii) the 3rd-8th amino acid sequences or (iv) the 4th-9th amino acid sequences in the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:4; and ~~has~~^{ing} a neutralizing activity for ~~the~~ polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence ~~of~~^{represented by} SEQ ID NO: 4.

2-5. (Cancelled)

6. (Original) The antibody according to claim 1, which is labeled.

7. (Cancelled)

8. (Currently Amended) The antibody according to claim 7, which is represented by AhW23N2G6D1a producible from a hybridoma represented by AhW23N2G6D1 (FERM BP-8363).

9. (Original) An antibody specifically reacting with a binding site of the antibody according to claim 8 to a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 4.

10. (Original) The antibody according to claim 9, which has a neutralizing activity for a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 4.

11. (Currently Amended) The antibody ~~according to claim 7, which is~~ represented by AhW23N3H3E4a producible from a hybridoma represented by AhW23N3H3E4 (FERM BP-8364).

12. (Original) An antibody specifically reacting with a binding site of the antibody according to claim 11 to a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 4.

13. (Original) The antibody according to claim 12, which has a neutralizing activity for a polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 4.

14-39. (Original)

40. (Original) A pharmaceutical comprising the antibody according to claim 1.

41. (Original) The pharmaceutical according to claim 40, which is an agent for preventing/treating sterility, renal dropsy, peptic ulcer or hyperchlorhydria.
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42. (Original) A diagnostic agent comprising the antibody according to
claim 1.